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Killed By a Tree.

Last Friday, Aug. 27th, 1897, a fatal accident befell Abner, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McFarland living four miles southeast of Keytesville.

The following are the particulars leading to the sad occurrence so far as we have been able to gather them:

Abner and his older brother, Melvin, were engaged in chopping a tree some two feet in diameter. The falling tree lodged on another tree, leaving a spur on the stump. After cutting the spur the tree fell to the ground, and as it did so jumped backward or to one side and caught Abner beneath, breaking his right thigh, and crushing his left leg from the knee to the ankle. In this terrible attitude, with his limbs mangled, he was held until a cross-cut saw was procured, with which a sufficient portion of the body of the tree was sawed off to release the sufferer, the time in doing which consumed about three-fourths of an hour. After being rescued, his mangled body was borne home, not far away, and Drs. Dewey and Perkins summoned. All that loving hands and medical skill could do was done to save him, but in vain. He was conscious only a short time after the accident, which occurred about 5 o'clock p. m. He survived until 10 o'clock a. m. next day when his spirit took its everlasting flight from its tenement of clay.

It is said that "death loves a shining mark," the truth of which is fully exemplified in the untimely death of Abner McFarland. His acquaintances say of him he was a model boy, kind and obedient to his parents, a regular attendant at church and a diligent Sunday-school scholar, his teacher testifying at his funeral that he was the best of his class to study his lesson, his mind and heart being always open for instruction.

The funeral was conducted at Asbury Chapel Sunday morning and was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends, many of whom could not get in the house. Rev. J. E. Fisher preached a touching discourse, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Asbury.

One notable feature of the funeral was the participation in it of the three neighboring Sunday-schools, the Christian church at Shannondale, the Baptist church at New Hope and the Asbury Methodist church, each pupil of which laid a floral tribute upon the grave of their departed young friend.

We tender our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved parents, brothers, sisters and other relatives and friends of this noble youth, who has been so suddenly taken from their midst by the ruthless hand of fate, but in doing so we know how inadequate are human words to heal the wounds thus inflicted upon loving hearts except as they point to Him who can bid sunshine to penetrate the thickest darkness, who can wipe away all tears of sorrow and pain, whose ways we know not now, but may know hereafter when we shall see Him, as He is, "too wise to err and too good to be unkind."

The Lambert-Hansman Law-Suit.

The suit of Albert Lambert of St. Louis against J. F. Hausman & Bro. of Keytesville on an account for \$152 for 76 whiskey barrels furnished the defendants, was called in Justice J. M. DeMoss' court last Monday afternoon and both parties, by their respective attorneys, J. P. Shaughnessy and C. B. Crawley, answered ready for the fray.

The trial of the case bristled with interesting law points throughout, and both of the attorneys ably contested every inch of the legal ground in behalf of their respective clients.

Messrs. Hansman & Bro. did not deny that they purchased the whiskey barrels from Mr. Lambert at the price named, but they declined to pay the bill for the reason that the barrels were defective, and that their having

filled them with whiskey at their distillery had resulted in a financial loss to them far in excess of the price of the barrels. They, therefore, filed a countercharge against Mr. Lambert asking damages in the sum of \$250.

After weighing all of the evidence at the trial last Monday, Justice DeMoss rendered a verdict for defendant in the sum of \$88.20.

The plaintiff talks of taking an appeal to the circuit court.

Steve Fobble Escapes From Jail.

A jail delivery occurred at Linneus on Thursday afternoon of last week, in which Steve Fobble, a horse thief, and Jos. Husher made their escape from Linn county's sin receptacle by first sawing off a lock from the door thence making their way to the basement and escaping through the same hole to which Fobble found his way to liberty the first of last month. Neither of the prisoners had been apprehended at last reports after their escape on Thursday of last week.

Fobble will doubtless be remembered by the COURIER readers as the 17-year-old youth who drove into Keytesville on the 7th of last July with a horse and buggy, and shortly afterwards disposed of the buggy and harness to Liveryman W. P. Thrash for \$20.

Young Fobble then mounted the horse, bareback, and rode some three miles east of town where he traded the animal to Henry Hancy, receiving a watch, a pistol and \$2 in cash "to boot."

Only a short while after Fobble had left Keytesville the officers here received a description of a horse and buggy belonging to N. B. Cross, which had been stolen from a hitch-rack at Meadville, Linn county, on the evening of July 6th.

An investigation by City Marshal L. A. Embree developed the fact that a buggy and horse answering the description of Mr. Cross' outfit had just been at Thrash Bros.' livery stable that morning, and that the young man man who was driving the rig had sold the buggy and harness to "Pat" Thrash. Learning the direction the supposed thief had taken after selling the buggy and harness, Mr. Embree and "Pat" Thrash started in pursuit, and the next day succeeded in overhauling and arresting their man at the residence of James Stephens near Guthridge Mills.

Fobble seemed not in the least abashed by his arrest, and even boasted to his captors that he could afford to get the worst of it once as he had got the best of it a hundred times. He gave Mr. Embree accounts of seven or eight stolen horses of which the officers here had received descriptions, and for which young Fobble claimed to have traded.

The Mayor's Court.

Mayor A. G. Knaus' court has ground out the following grists during the past week:

Mattie Wallace, col., is doing time on the city rock pile, serving out a fine of \$2.50 and costs for using loud, indecent and profane language on our streets.

Mattie Butler, col., is also studying the beauties of the city's geological specimens for lewd and lascivious conduct to the extent of a \$5 fine and costs.

C. C. Ward was tried by jury in his honor's court last Saturday and was fined \$5 and frizes for disturbing the peace of the family of Mrs. Geo. M. Wilson by quarreling, challenging, etc. The defendant's attorney, L. N. Dempsey, took an appeal to circuit court.

The Criminal Calendar.

Complaint was lodged with Prosecuting Attorney Collet yesterday morning through Justice C. E. Finch's legal mill at Brunswick, in which Wm. Moore, a white man, is charged with stealing a cooking stove belonging to John Davis, col. The complaint does not state whether or not the stove was red hot, but it seems it is quite dilapidated and it is probable that Mr. Collet will decline to prosecute Moore.

Walter Ewing and James Polliam, two of Keytesville's colored citizens, were tried before Justice J. M. DeMoss, sitting as a court, in Keytesville last Tuesday for over-driving a team belonging to Liveryman W. W. Franklin of this place last Saturday and Saturday night. Both of the defendants were found guilty and were fined \$5 including the costs. In default of payment they were sent to jail where they will make their headquarters for the next 25 days.

Lizzie Tooley, col., of Brunswick had her preliminary trial before Justice D. H. Hancock of Keytesville last Monday, where the case had been brought by the defendant on a change of venue from Justice C. E. Finch's court at Brunswick. The dusky Elizabeth is charged with having stolen a lady's gold watch from the residence of Green Mitchell of Brunswick, and after hearing the evidence at the preliminary skirmish last Tuesday, Justice D. H. Hancock held the prisoner in the sum of \$500 for her appearance before the grand jury at the October term of circuit court. The required bond was furnished by ex-Sheriff J. E. Dempsey and Dr. B. Hughes as securities. Mrs. Tooley is in a delicate condition, and it was largely through sympathy that the gentlemen named went on her bond.

Henry Stewart, the man who was charged by Jasper Petty with "carrying a pistol and attempting to use it on me," was arraigned in Justice M. N. Rust's court at Mendon last Saturday, but after a talk with the prosecuting witness, Petty, Prosecuting Attorney Collet was convinced that there was not sufficient cause for action against Stewart and dismissed the case against him. But there are those who were present on the day set for Stewart's trial who believe that it was the long, lank, lean and hungry appearance of Stewart's "attorneys," A. F. Wood and J. M. Collins, that intimidated the prosecuting attorney. These two new Richmonds in the field of legal jurisprudence, who appeared for the defendant, were more than eager for the fray, and the general consensus of opinion was that had Stewart's case gone to trial there would not have been enough left of our county attorney to return to the bosom of his family, and that the great state of Missouri would have been entirely stripped of her dignity. We, therefore, commend Mr. Collet's wisdom and regard for his personal appearance in refusing to prosecute Mr. Stewart. People who are given to getting into trouble should paste this in their hat, and call on Messrs. Wood & Collins, legal candlesticks, Mendon, Mo., when desirous of being speedily, effectively and everlastingly extricated from such difficulties as their bumping up against the dignity of our imperial commonwealth may cause.

Bates Johnson, white, Richard Lucas, Lewis Ewing and Jasper Price, all colored, an account of whose arrest for stealing 11 sacks of wheat from Wm. Remmet of near Dakton was published in the last issue of the COURIER, had their cases called before Justice J. M. DeMoss of Keytesville last Tuesday. Johnson withdrew his previous plea of "not guilty" and entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to six months in the county jail, but upon the advice of Prosecuting Attorney Collet he was paroled

under the provisions of section 3, Session Acts, 1897, for a period of six months, and during that time if he conducts himself civilly his discharge will be made final, but should he again become a transgressor against the peace and dignity of the state he will be re-arrested and lodged in jail to serve the full sentence imposed upon him by Justice DeMoss. L. N. Dempsey appeared as attorney for the three negroes, all of whom entered a plea of not guilty. A change of venue was asked for and granted in the cases of Lucas, Ewing and Price as follows: Lucas to Justice Theo. Newbold of Salisbury township; Ewing to Justice John Bayne of Cockrell township; Price to Justice H. A. Wheeler of Keytesville township. Lucas gave bond in the sum of \$400 with Dr. B. Hughes and Albert Jones, col., as security. In default of a similar bond Ewing and Price were remanded to jail. Price's trial is set for Monday and Lucas' preliminary hearing is set for next Tuesday. No day has yet been set for an investigation of Ewing's case owing to the illness of Justice Hayne.

Our entire community was stirred, and indignant last Monday morning when it was learned that Wm. Carter, a day laborer at this place, had been arrested on a charge of having ravished Bessie Cousins, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cousins of this city. It had been suspected by a few parties for some time that illicit relations existed between Carter and the little Cousins girl, and when City Marshal Embree became thoroughly convinced that such was the case he went to the girl's father and told him of his suspicions. Mr. Cousins at once swore out a warrant before Justice J. M. DeMoss for Carter's arrest. He was found at his home in the northeast part of town, and when taken before Justice DeMoss he entered a plea of not guilty and was committed to jail without bond to await his preliminary trial, which was set for Wednesday last, but when his case was called on that day he took a change of venue before Justice D. H. Hancock, but as Justice Hancock has not yet been officially notified of the venue, he has not yet set a date for a preliminary hearing of the case. After Carter's arrest the girl victim of his brutal lust made a full confession of the sexual intercourse she had had with Carter, which was first by force about five months ago, and she says that he threatened to kill her if she told anybody. Since then, it seems, Bessie has submitted to Carter's beastly inclinations whenever an opportunity offered. Carter came to Keytesville, with his wife, from Pettis county, Mo., some time last December, and Bessie Cousins' father was his benefactor for some weeks in assisting him to get work. Now the outraging of his daughter is the awful harvest that Mr. Cousins reaps at Carter's hands. Carter is about 25 or 26 years of age and it is said that before he attained his majority he accomplished the ruin of a 13-year-old cousin of his at Marshall, Saline county, and who gave birth to a child of which she said Carter was the father.

The Meetings.

The meetings at Centenary and Asbury chapels are still going on with unabated interest. The last news from each of them was up to yesterday morning. At Asbury there had been 25 conversions and at Centenary 50 conversions and reclamations.

Rev. S. W. Johnson, who is conducting the meeting at Centenary, had to forego the pleasure of attending the annual conference because of the continued interest in the meeting, as did also Rev. Fisher.

Revs. Johnson and Fisher are consecrated young men, and we are glad to note the fact that they are growing in favor with their people. May the Giver of all good things reward them abundantly and give them many precious souls for their hire.

The Past

Three years have demonstrated to the people who inhabit this portion of the globe the fact that a straightforward, honest, legitimate business can be done in furnishing goods as well as in any other line of merchandise. We have demonstrated this in no mild manner. For three years we have pursued the course which we mapped out when we came here; we have bought goods cheap, bought good goods, sold good goods cheap; we have paid no attention to the thousand and one cheap devices so much in vogue throughout the entire country to catch trade. We have never sold goods at a loss; we have no bankrupt stocks; we have bought no old styles, we have bought no damaged goods; we have "trusted" nobody; every dollar's worth of goods that have gone out of our store have been honest goods at honest prices. We have paid our money for them and got our price from the man who bought them of us.

The Present

Season, just opening, will see our business conducted on the same lines. Our new fall stock, which will be placed on sale Saturday for the first time, is complete in all departments. Full lines of pants for men, ties for youths, shirts for boys, fall and heavy-weight underwear, duck coats, work and dress shirts, dress pants, neckwear, hosiery, collars and cuffs, in fact everything there is to be found in an up-to-date furnishing store. We have never had as complete a stock at so early a period in the season. It is all paid for—we have already made a profit on it by paying for it. We have never sold goods so cheap as we will sell them this season. We trust that the time will never come again in our country's history when it will be possible to sell goods as cheap as we can today, and have it so hard for the average man to get enough money to buy his clothes, even at such low prices. You are cordially invited to come and see what we have provided for the majority of Keytesville's male population, even if you do not intend buying until long in

The Future.

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Justice Steiman's Sore.

Justice C. W. Steiman's sore seems to have broken out in a fresh place. After having been assured by the COURIER that he would get his fees in the case of the state against Henry Hopkins, col., he now questions the right of Prosecuting Attorney Collet to prosecute Hopkins before another justice for disturbing the peace of Wm. Asbury and wife. It seems not to have occurred to Justice Steiman that, under the law, Hopkins was liable to prosecution for both felonious assault upon and disturbing the peace of Asbury and his spouse. Hopkins was prosecuted for the first offense and convicted, but the grand jury declined, upon the advice of Prosecuting Attorney Collet, to take action on the case for felonious assault, which they had a right to do if they saw fit. But in doing so they committed a grave crime according to the self-opinionated "Squire Steiman. The claim of the 'squire that the sheriff charges eight cents a mile as mileage fees is only another example of his ignorance. The claim is utterly without foundation, but as it is evidently made through ignorance and malice combined—two of society's worst enemies—we both pity and condemn "Chief Justice" Steiman.

Wheat is King This Year.

A recent trip through the Bowling Green prairie, Missouri and Chariton townships revealed the fact that there is much more wheat in these localities than they were credited with prospectively before harvest. The farmer that has wheat in that country is as happy as a big sunflower and no mistake, and fortunately nearly all of them have it. Some of them, however, were a little previous in selling, at

least in doing so they did not reach the dollar mark as all of them seem to be holding for now.

Henry Goll has 3,000 bushels of this cereal on hand; Wm. Himmelberg, 2,000; Mr. Brandt, on Harrison's island, 2,000; Frank Gratz, 3,000; Sasse Bros., 3,000; Barney Himmelberg, 1,500. Mr. Tebbe, Zach Brewer, the Brandt Bros., Capt. Bucksath, Wm. Bucksath, John Goll and many others have crops on hand ranging from 500 to 1,000 bushels.

We noticed everywhere that a large acreage was being prepared for wheat. At Bob Cooper's we noticed a crop of corn growing in his potato field of some 14 acres. Bob said his potatoes would make a fair yield, while he was confidently expecting to get 50 bushels of corn to the acre. This we would call "intensive farming." Who can beat it?

There was no end to the watermelons we saw in the patches of John C. Maddox and Bob Cooper near the roadside. Where the farmers have succeeded in disposing of their melons even at 5 cents, each, by the wagon load they seem to have been satisfied with returns, but thousands of this luscious fruit of the vine will rot this year.

Bargains in Furniture at J. P. Moore's.

Try him. Prices lower than ever. Largest stock of furniture and undertaker's goods ever brought to Keytesville. Don't fail to see him before you buy. He will save your money.

New Millinery.

I have just received my fall stock of walking hats and sailors in all the new and nobby styles. Come in and see them. Mrs. C. P. Vandiver.